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Northeastern Wisconsin Woodworkers Guild

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BENCH TALK

2010 SPRING SHOW

**NO REGULAR GUILD MEETING IN MARCH:
Come to the SPRING SHOW March 27-28 instead!**

AN EXCITING MEETING FOR APRIL... AND MORE!

Discounted tickets for Rob Cosman.

Through special arrangements with **Woodcraft in Appleton**, your Guild is able to bring to its members a special program in April.

Rob Cosman, a well-known Canadian woodworker, will present a program to the Guild on **Friday, April 23** in place of our regular April meeting. Rob is a specialist in working with hand tools, has created many DVDs, and is a well-known personality on both sides of the border. Rob is a skilled presenter and has offered presentations and classes at many Woodcraft stores across the United States. He will speak from 7:30 to 9 in our regular meeting room, but **a week later than our normal meeting date**. His tentative topic is 'Hand Planes: The differences among them; how to use them and keep them in tip top condition.' Here's the big extra news. Rob will be offering three classes in the Appleton store on Saturday. Each class runs a bit more than two hours. The first is on hand planes, but will not duplicate the Friday evening program. The second is on hand cut dovetails (and he makes some dandy ones), and the third is on hand cut mortise and tenon joints. Each class is normally \$50. If you buy all three through Woodcraft it is US\$137, and get lunch. The Guild, however, has arranged for 10 tickets from each class to sell to Guild members for only \$25 each person per class (three for US\$75, no lunch). Since classes are limited to about 15 people, this is a real opportunity to get all you can from the classes up close and personal. If you want tickets for one or more classes, it is "first come-first served." Dan Alesch has agreed to sell admission to Guild members for all 30 slots. See Dan at the Spring Show (he hides out among the carvers) and bring your cash or check. No money, no ticket. These slots are likely to sell out fast, so don't be bashful or slow. _JA



Wavy Doors and Curvy Stained Glass

by Don Kaster, Program Director

In the time we are woodworkers, some of us aspire to make a creation of art in wood. Maybe it's a carving, a piece of furniture, or some other form. The process of designing and implementing the design can be daunting, and become a real task to complete the piece. At the February meeting Rob Martens showed us one of his creations--it's the one **pictured on the front of the last Benchtalk**. He described the design process and also the unexpected difficulties of creating curved surfaces and tambour doors. He also described the process of laminating the wood for the curved stiles, and described inlaying them with decorative zebrawood.

Rob used special router bits to make the segmented sliding doors (tambour) which conceal the shelves. The process of making the slats for the doors involves quite a series of steps which must be performed in a specific machining order to make properly functioning sliding doors.

The woodworkers Guild and I would like to thank Rob Martens for taking the time to bring us this wonderful presentation and share his expertise. _DK



Milling solid wood tambour slats using the Lonnie Bird router bit set from Amana Tool (#54314) takes a lot of steps. The stock passes over three different router bits in multiple passes to achieve the roll-top-desk look using solid wood. No cloth backing or wire is needed when using this new method. _GP



Ramblings From Your President

by Steve Lockhart

I love projects! Especially woodworking projects. Rob Martens' excellent presentation last month had all the components of a good project. Lots of planning went into it. Lots of different skills were needed to implement it. And the result was outstanding.

The great thing about hobby projects is there is usually much less pressure than work projects. (been there done that". Hence more fun.

I have noticed that there are lots of blogs and websites describing various woodworking projects which I read with interest. I am not into facebook or twittering but I decided to start a blog about my own projects so here is a link to it: <<http://stevlockhartsprojects.blogspot.com/>> (it is also linked on the Guild website if you would rather not type) If any of you have any questions on any of my projects feel free to ask me!

I would also like to encourage guild members to start blogging about their projects. (and get Mark to put a link to them on the Guild website!) _SL

HEADS UP!

By Jane Alesch, Special Events Director

THE SPRING SHOW IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

I just finished tallying all the blue volunteer sheets and there are 40 people requesting table and/or demo space, which is a couple less than last year, but close. Only 8 people signed up to do the raffle, greeting and security and two of those are only on Sunday. HELP!!! I believe in my heart that there are more of you planning on being there and helping, please let me formally know! Call!

920-468-0132 (H) or cell 920-246-1553

... before I reach FULL PANIC.

Set up will begin on Saturday March 27 at 7:00 AM and [must] be completed by our 9:30 opening.

LATE NEWS:

FRIDAY 26, 1:30-4pm, SET-UP IS POSSIBLE. CALL!

That means everyone is to be done. Thank you in advance. I believe the chairs will be better than expected, as we can use the school's. If you want to change and request 1 or 2 rental chairs, let me know.

We can enter through the front door off the circle for set up or the north parking lot doors. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE move your vehicles off the circle for fire reasons; and away from the prime spots in the lot so as to welcome our guests. After 9:30 only

the parking lot door will be open. The show closes at 5 pm Sunday. The raffle starts at 4pm, but take down starts at 5:00pm.

There will be food and drink to purchase from the Band Parents. Please support them: they have rallied to be there during spring break at our request. Please bring Raffle Prizes on Saturday. If you have more detail than 'bowl,' 'turning,' etc. I'd appreciate it greatly to be notified in advance.

At least 8 of you displayers are NOT current paid up members. I have all of Fred's books and tags and will be taking membership dues ALL weekend. I would be thrilled to have one of you take on this task from your table or at the raffle table. VOLUNTEERS????????

AS USUAL, a couple of shop vacs would be great, especially for those of you making a mess. School starts on Monday morning so we cannot leave a huge mess. If you requested Friday set-up I will be contacting you. Don't forget your raffle tickets and money. We are moving in on \$500 dollars because the carvers are handing in money weekly and a few of you have mailed. Remember, I need the stubs and the money at the same time. ZIP codes help us sort for delivery, or put your name on the back if you will deliver to your buyers.

THANK YOU! AND HAVE A GREAT SHOW!! _JA

27th Annual Spring Show

March 27 and 28, 2010

9:30 to 5:00, both days

Southwest High School

1331 Packerland Drive (south of West Mason St.)

Green Bay, WI

Please help with Spring Show set-up/clean-up.

CHIPS, DIP, SPLINTERS, CUTOFFS, AND OCCASSIONAL SUTURES

by Dan Alesch

Lately, the carvers have been pretty good about not slashing themselves. At least, they hide their cuts pretty well because they don't want to be singled out in the Benchtalk. I've stopped using their names in the newsletter, but **Bob Yancy** recently **sliced into his thigh** with a move that most of us have never seen before. **Not wanting to be mentioned in Benchtalk**, Bob got up from the table with a napkin covering the wound, whistled a happy tune, and returned a few minutes later having taped it up. The hole in his trousers was not particularly noticeable and he would have gotten away with it had it not been for the crimson stain. And the giggling at his table._DA

Joe Martin asked me last month, and I forgot, to let everyone know he needs a standard miter gauge for his

Can You Find Everything in Your Shop?

by Lyle Martens

After years of working in my shop, and on times more often than I wish to admit, I found myself looking for tools I know I had used before but now could not locate for a project. Well, I found a solution! The idea came from a shopping visit to my local supermarket. If you shop at most supermarkets you know that at the end of most aisles there are grocery charts listing items and the place to locate them. Here is what I did to solve my missing tool problem. I took the time to empty all of my shop drawers (30 of them). I reorganized each drawer and methodically listed the contents of each. I fastened one of those brass tags to the front of each drawer and numbered each one of them.

I typed out my final drawer list and in addition I compiled an alphabetical list to match. When I cannot find a tool I now simply go to the list, hanging in a convenient place in the shop, to find the location of that item. An additional benefit of this process is that I found items that I forgot I had. This solved my problem of the misplaced tool. BUT be sure to put the tool back where you got it or the whole system will fail in a short time. _LM

Meeting of the Board of Directors

by Lyle Martens - February 24, 2010

Present: Steve Lockert, Lyle Martens, Dan Alesch, Jane Alesch, Don Kaster, Greg Puza, Tom Carlson, Lee Carlson, **Absent:** Mark Brienen, Fred Juengst, Tom Charlier, Peter Schuh and Tim McVey **Call Meeting to Order:** Steve L

Treasurer's Report: Lee C indicated that current Assets \$7,603.68 compared to last years \$6,568.47.

Tom C. collected \$100 on the monthly raffle, and gave out about \$150 in gifts. The raffle remains popular, and will continue. 8-D

Membership Report: Fred J, absent [page 4]

Public Relations: It is apparent that Tim McVey cannot continue, so the club is now in need of a new public relations person. It is hoped that someone from the Guild will volunteer.

Programs: The review of last months program by Bob Martens indicated that it was well accepted. A good program. The board discussed options for future programs, and trying to schedule several ahead so members can plan for upcoming programs.

Editors Report: Greg P Articles due Sunday, Feb, 28.

Special Activities: The Guild will partner with WoodCraft of Appleton in bringing Bob Cosman... (NOTE: MORE INFORMATION Page 1)

Spring Show: Please sell tickets. Approximately \$225 will be allotted for the student-prizes. Lyle M. will get the teachers' input.

Meeting adjourned. _LM

January Membership Report

by Fred Juengst

We currently have 162 members and none were dropped this month. A large proportion of our members have joined during the show. If you did so as well, please remember to pay your dues at the show. Due to a service project commitment, I will not be able to be at the show to log in dues payments. Jane and Dan Alesch have offered to collect dues at the show for me.

Dues payments at the show have sometimes been difficult to sort out particularly with new members. Mistakes can occur more often with cash payment, so be sure to have a receipt for your payments. The best way to avoid errors is to pay by personal check with your name and address clearly printed on the check. As a quick reminder, individual dues are \$15 and family dues are \$20.

For membership information, and to pay dues:

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Green Bay, WI 54311

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 27-28, 2010, Saturday/Sunday: Spring Show

April 23, 2010, Friday: Rob Cosman, Hand Planes



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